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1. PRINCIPAL OFFICER AMCONSUL MANDALAY, JOSEPH W. MOYLE AND
CONSULAR OFFICER AMEMBASSY RANGOON, JOHN A. PARKER, WILL ATTEND
CONSULAR CONVENTION IN BANGKOK OCT. 26-29.

2. MANDALAY AND RANGOON WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DISCUSSION OF
WHAT EVIDENCE IS APPROPRIATE TO SATISFY PUBLIC CHARGE
PROVISIONS OF THE LAW IN CURRENCY-CONTROLLED COUNTRIES.
BURMESE IV APPLICANTS OFTEN HAVE BANK ACCOUNTS IN THE US,
WHICH ARE ILLEGAL UNDER BURMESE LAW. REQUIRING THEM TO
PRODUCE BANK STATEMENTS PUTS THEM IN JEOPARDY WITH THE GUB.
OTHER SORTS OF EVIDENCE MAY BE ACCEPTABLE, BUT BURMESE POSTS
NEED ADVICE ON WHAT DOCUMENTATION IS PREFERABLE.

3. EMBASSY RANGOON HAS PREPARED AN AIRGRAM ON BURMESE MARRIAGE
LAWS WHICH MIGHT BE OF VALUE TO NEIGHBORING POSTS WHICH DEAL
WITH BURMESE APPLICANTS SUCH AS BANGKOK, HONG KONG, AND TAIPEI.
CONSOFF WOULD BE WILLING TO PRESENT THIS INFORMATION TO THE
CONFERENCE.
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